Disaster management

60. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India disaster Management is activated only after something happened;

(b) if so, why should it not be working all the time;

(c) whether Government are planning to form such Disaster Management permanently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) The Government has adopted a holistic approach to disaster management encompassing prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, relief and rehabilitation. Appropriate institutional mechanisms have been established and are being further strengthened to facilitate planning, policy formulation, capacity building and preparedness and to ensure effective coordination in response on a sustained basis. The measures taken by the Government include training and equipping of specialist teams for rapid intervention in case of disasters and constitution of National Disaster Management Authority headed by the Prime Minister to lay down plans and policies for disaster management and coordinate the enforcement and implementation of the same.

Restarting of dialogue with ULFA

61. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) have shown keen-interest to restart dialogue with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of times ULFA and other insurgent groups have gone back on their promise to start peaceful negotiations with the government; and

(d) the reasons for breaking the negotiations by these insurgent groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government has received appeals for peace talks with United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA). These indicated the willingness of ULFA to hold talks with the Government of India. The Peoples' Consultative Group on behalf of ULFA held talks with the Government on 26.10.05. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details.

(c) and (d) While no other insurgent group has broken the peace talks in recent past, ULFA had earlier shown interest in peace talks in 1991 but no talks were held. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details.

Increase in infiltration of insurgents after earthquake

62. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the infiltration of insurgents in Jammu and Kashmir has increased after the recent earthquake;

(b) if so, the number of terrorists killed by security forces in the month of October alone this year; and

(c) the remedial measures taken in this regard by the Central Government in view of the fact that security forces are busy in rescuer operation after the earthquake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir, As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, there is no increase in the infiltration of insurgents in the State during the period between October 9, 2005 to November 8,2005 (post earthquake) as compared to the period between September 9,2005 to October 8,2005 (pre earthquake).

(b) 84 terrorists were killed by Security Forces in the State during October 2005.

(c) The Government, jointly with the State Government, have adopted a multipronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/